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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Examiner Dickens (Ex) (3) 202-737-6676 (Fax#)
(2) Jeff Wyan, Applicant's Rep (Rep) (4) _____

Date of Interview 3/14/02

Type: Telephonic Televideo Conference Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No If yes, brief description: _____Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: NA

Identification of prior art discussed: NA

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Rep called Ex to

Inquiry about 2/12/02 Office Action. Specifically, there appeared to be typographic errors on pages 1 and 2 of Action. Ex reviewed file & agreed there were errors with page 2. Rep did not need new response date, but requested corrected page to be fax to him. Ex informed Rep that corrected page would be sent by fax. The Office is sorry for any confusion.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

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located in the measuring duct wherein the measuring duct has a fluid introduction port (20, 170a) with an curved elongated shape and confronting a flow direction of the flow, the measuring duct having at least one portion located between the fluid introduction port and the flow rate detector substantially smoothly narrowing, i.e., inner wall surface narrowing, toward a downstream direction of the flow in a longitudinal direction of the elongated shape, and the measuring duct has a single hole in the at least one portion; wherein the introduction port has a length in the longitudinal direction and width in a transverse direction, transverse to the longitudinal direction, the longitudinal length being substantially at least twice the width.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 11-29-01 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this